

2010 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Always the most challenging, yet the most fun blend to craft. The nose is redolent of blackberries, plums, toffee and crème brûlée. The rich/full tannins accentuate the blackberry/plummy fruits and complement the creamy, silky finish and the concentrated berry/spicy flavors. This wine truly expresses the classic finesse and depth of complexity that you would expect from Russian River Valley pinot noir. A classic Russian River Valley blend comprised of over 95% Estate fruit.

—Winemaker Bob Cabral

THE VINEYARDS

The pinot noir for this blend was sourced from our Drake Estate Vineyard and our Williams Selyem Estate Vineyard.

HARVEST 2010

The 2010 vintage produced wines reflective of each individual vineyard site and appellation with concentrated aromas, rich fruit flavors, nicely balanced acidity and supple tannin structure. The hallmark of the 2010 vintage is one of extremes; between cool, early season temperatures and extreme late season heat, wines of tremendous character were made through careful attention to detail.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 40% new, 30% 1 year old, 30% 2 year old

Barrel Aged: 11 months

pH: 3.56

TA: 0.72g/100ml

Alc: 14.1%

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